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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Part 120

Public Meeting

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Public meeting on financing and securitizing the unguaranteed portion of SBA loans made under Section 7(a) of the Small Business Act.

SUMMARY: On February 26, 1997, SBA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking to modify its rules regarding financing and securitizing the unguaranteed portions of its loans made under Section 7(a) of the Small Business Act. On April 2, 1997, SBA published in the **Federal Register** an interim final rule on this matter and extended the time for public comments on the proposed regulation. Because of the unusually great interest shown, SBA will hold a public hearing on the proposed rulemaking.

DATES: May 28, 1997, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Eisenhower Conference Room, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Hammersley, Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance, (202) 205-7505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The issues for the hearing are contained in the Supplementary Information published in the **Federal Register** on February 26, 1997 (62 FR 8640) and April 2, 1997 (62 FR 15601). Previously, SBA regulations provided non-depository lenders the opportunity to finance and securitize the unguaranteed portion of SBA Section 7(a) guaranteed loans. The proposed rule, published on February 26, 1997, would permit both depository and non-depository lenders to pledge or securitize the unguaranteed portions of SBA guaranteed loans. The proposed rule also describes certain retainage requirements to protect the safety and soundness of the program. The interim final rule, published on April 2, 1997,

permits both depository and non-depository lenders to pledge or sell the unguaranteed portions of SBA guaranteed loans. SBA noted in the interim final rule that it expects to give favorable review to any transaction which complies with the retainage requirements in the proposed rule.

To assure the widest possible public participation, SBA will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Washington, DC at the Small Business Administration Office at 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416. The meeting will be held on May 28, 1997, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Interested parties will be given a reasonable time for an oral presentation and may submit written statements of their oral presentation in advance. If you wish to make a presentation, please contact Betty Smith at (202) 205-6490 at least 5 days before the hearing. If a large number of participants desire to make statements, a time limitation on each presentation will be imposed.

Members of the hearing panel may ask questions of the speaker, but speakers will not be allowed to question each other. Please submit questions in writing in advance, if possible, to the Chair. If the Chair determines them to be relevant, the Chair will direct them to the appropriate panel member.

Dated: May 7, 1997.

Jeanne Sclater,

Acting Associate Deputy Administrator for Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Parts 4 and 375

[Docket No. RM95-16-000]

Regulations for the Relicensing of Hydropower Projects; Notice of Extension of Time

Issued May 5, 1997.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of extension of time.

SUMMARY: On November 26, 1996, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

(61 FR 64031, December 3, 1996) proposing revisions to its regulations for the relicensing of hydropower projects. The date for filing reply comments is being extended at the request of the National Hydropower Association.

DATES: Reply comments shall be filed on or before June 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, 202-208-0400.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

19 CFR Part 351

Countervailing Duties; Extension of Deadline To File Public Comments on Proposed Countervailing Duty Regulations

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Extension of deadline to file public comments on proposed countervailing duty regulations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the deadline to file public comments on the proposed countervailing duty regulations containing changes resulting from the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (the URAA). The deadline for filing comments on the proposed regulations is now May 27, 1997.

DATES: The comment deadline has been extended to May 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Address written comments to the following: Robert S. LaRussa, Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Central Records Unit, Room 1870, U.S. Department of Commerce, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street NW., Washington, DC 20230. The address should also include the following: Attention: Proposed Regulations/Uruguay Round Agreements Act—Countervailing Duties. Each person submitting a comment is requested to include his or her name